

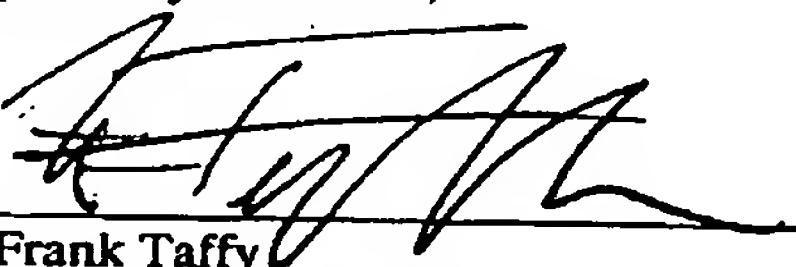
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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. The Applicants have requested the amendment of the present specification and drawings in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application mailed December 23, 2003. Specifically, the Applicants have directed the amendment of the specification to remove all references to previously numbered Figure 2. Further, the Applicants have renumbered the balance of the present figures to reflect deletion of Figure 2. Finally, the Applicants have directed the deletion of two separate references to U.S. patent documents included on pages 11 and 12 of the present application, respectively.

In light of the present amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application on the merits.

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